

Maduwongga

The **Maduwongga** (**Martu Wangka**) are an indigenous Australian people of Western Australia.

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Language

The language spoken by the Maduwongga was called Kabal.^[1]

Country

In Norman Tindale's estimation, the Maduwongga tribal territory extended over some 9,000 square miles (23,000 km²), ranging westwards from Pinjin on Lake Rebecca as far as Mulline, including the area a few miles south of Menzies, where their borders with the Ngurlu ran,^[2] over to Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie, Kanowna, Kurnalpi, and Siberia.^[1] Ecologically they lived in country marked by mallee Eucalypt species.^[3]

History

According to oral traditions picked up by ethnographers, the Maduwongga may have moved in from an original homeland further east, and displaced the Kalamaia, westwards beyond Bullabulling.^[1]

Alternative names

- Jindi, Yindi.*
- Maduwonga.*
- Kabul.*
- Julbaritja* (Ngurlu exonym for them meaning 'southerners.').

Notes

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